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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 4, 7, 9, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 39, 41, 47, 50, 52, 60 and 62 as follows:

4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said displaying step presents a composite preview display comprising a present display state and a changed display state, said present and changed display states reflecting the change being implementable by the soft control.

7. (Amended) A method according to, claim 4,
wherein said composite display comprises a transition between
said present and said changed display states.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein
said selection step comprises positioning a cursor in a
vicinity of the soft control.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 1,
wherein the pop-up preview can be customised by defining user
preferences.

19. (Amended) A method according to claim 1,
further comprising, prior to the displaying step, steps of:
coupling another soft control to said soft
control, wherein the change implementable by the soft control
is dependent upon a current setting of the other soft
control.

26. (Amended) A computer program according to claim
23, wherein said code for the displaying step presents a
composite preview display comprising a present display state
and a changed display state, said present and changed display

states reflecting the change being implementable by the soft control.

29. (Amended) A computer program according to claim 26, wherein said composite display comprises a transition between said present and said changed display states.

31. (Amended) A computer program according to claim 23, wherein said code for the selection step includes code for positioning a cursor in a vicinity of the soft control.

39. (Amended) A computer program according to claim 23, further comprising:

code wherein the pop-up preview can be customised by defining user preferences.

41. (Amended) A computer program according to claim 23, further comprising:

code for coupling another soft control to said soft control, wherein the change implementable by the soft control is dependent upon a current setting of the other soft control.

47. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said means for the displaying step presents a composite preview display comprising a present display state and a changed display state, said present and changed display states reflecting the change being implementable by the soft control.

50. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said composite display comprises a transition between said present and said changed display states.

52. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said means for the selection step includes means for positioning a cursor in a vicinity of the soft control.

60. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 44, further comprising:

means wherein the pop-up preview can be customised by defining user preferences.

62. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 44, further comprising:

means for coupling another soft control to said soft control, wherein the change implementable by the soft control is dependent upon a current setting of the other soft control.

REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment Claims 4, 7, 9, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 39, 41, 47, 50, 52, 60 and 62 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Appendix

VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CLAIM CHANGES

4. (Amended) A method according to [either one of claims 1 and 3] Claim 1, wherein said displaying step presents a composite preview display comprising a present display state and a changed display state, said present and changed display states reflecting the change being implementable by the soft control.

7. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 4 to 6], claim 4, wherein said composite display comprises a transition between said present and said changed display states.

9. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1, 3 and 4] claim 1, wherein said selection step comprises positioning a cursor in a vicinity of the soft control.

17. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1, 3 and 4] claim 1, wherein the pop-up preview can be customised by defining user preferences.

19. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1, 3, and 4] claim 1, further comprising, prior to the displaying step, steps of:

coupling another soft control to said soft control, wherein the change implementable by the soft control is dependent upon a current setting of the other soft control.

26. (Amended) A computer program according to [either one of claims 23 and 25] claim 23, wherein said code for the displaying step presents a composite preview display comprising a present display state and a changed display state, said present and changed display states reflecting the change being implementable by the soft control.

29. (Amended) A computer program according to [any one of claims 26 to 28] claim 26, wherein said composite display comprises a transition between said present and said changed display states.

31. (Amended) A computer program according to [any one of claims 23, 25 and 26] claim 23, wherein said code for the selection step includes code for positioning a cursor in a

vicinity of the soft control.

39. (Amended) A computer program according to [any one of claims 23, 25 and 26] claim 23, further comprising:

code wherein the pop-up preview can be customised by defining user preferences.

41. (Amended) A computer program according to [any one of claims 23, 25 and 26] claim 23, further comprising:

code for coupling another soft control to said soft control, wherein the change implementable by the soft control is dependent upon a current setting of the other soft control.

47. (Amended) An apparatus according to [either one of claims 44 and 46] claim 44, wherein said means for the displaying step presents a composite preview display comprising a present display state and a changed display state, said present and changed display states reflecting the change being implementable by the soft control.

50. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any one of

claims 47 to 49] claim 47, wherein said composite display comprises a transition between said present and said changed display states.

52. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any one of claims 44, 46 and 47] claim 44, wherein said means for the selection step includes means for positioning a cursor in a vicinity of the soft control.

60. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any one of claims 44, 46 and 47] claim 44, further comprising:
means wherein the pop-up preview can be customised by defining user preferences.

62. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any one of claims 44, 46 and 47] claim 44, further comprising:
means for coupling another soft control to said soft control, wherein the change implementable by the soft control is dependent upon a current setting of the other soft control.